

THE COMMENCEMENTS

Open up for the Season with Three the Same Evening.

MARTIN'S FERRY AND BRIDGEPORT

Send Large Classes from their Public Schools into the Busy World—Enjoyable and Creditable Exercises at Both Places—Closing Concert of Professor Arbenz's Wheeling Conservatory of Music.

The Martin's Ferry Opera House was crowded to its utmost capacity last night. Every person who went was well repaid. The occasion was the twenty-third commencement of the Martin's Ferry High school, and a more successful one could not have been desired. There were eight graduates, six boys and two girls, four classical and four scientific. For the first time in the history of these schools one of the graduates was unable to take an active part on account of illness. This was Miss Estelle Lewis, who has been sick for several weeks.

Many of the neighboring towns and cities were represented, and every seat was taken, notwithstanding an admission was charged. The audience was a very fine one.

The stage was a picture. The decorations consisted of plants and flowers, class colors, inscriptions, etc. Beautiful costumes and bright faces added to the effect.

These were the graduates: Estelle Lewis, Charles Lipphardt, J. Everett Kling, James Sweeney, Mary Virginia Thomas, classical; J. Wightman Frazier, A. Thurman Selby and Fred G. Williams, scientific. Their essays and orations were all excellent and showed considerable thought and originality. Miss Mary Thomas opened with an essay on the "Prehistoric Man of Our Vicinity," in which she presented many interesting facts concerning the mound builders and the large mound recently removed and the relics found therein. All the other essays and orations were full of good things.

Miss Thomas wore a white chiton, high neck, trimmed with ribbon and lace, and Miss Lewis appeared in a cream Henrietta, ribbon and lace trimmings and flowers.

A new departure in Martin's Ferry commencements was the music, all furnished by the full Opera House orchestra, of Wheeling, which rendered seven numbers in first class style and pleased everybody. The change was an improvement over the music at many other commencements, and the orchestra created a regular sensation.

The programme was as follows:

March—The Graduates. Rollcall. Invocation. Key. A. E. Brownlee. Overture. Morning Noon and Night. Stuppie. Easy—The Historic Man of Our Vicinity. Mary Virginia Thomas. Charles Lipphardt. Pulla—Bell Soli. Reinhardt. Easy—Fountain. Wightman Frazier. Oration—The Mugwump. J. Everett Kling. Scotch Medley—Bonnie Scotland. Catlin. Easy—The Value of Good Books. Fred G. Williams. Easy—Woman's Work. Estelle Lewis. Descriptive Medley. Lovensberg. Oration—"Great Hall." A. Thurman Selby. Oration—"Popular Mistake." James Sweeney. Descriptive Fantasia—"The Tally Ho." Lovensberg. Presentation of Diplomas. Supt. J. E. Mannix. Waltz—"Over the Waves." L. D. Morse. Benediction. Rev. L. D. Morse.

Applause was hearty and at times enthusiastic. There were flowers in profusion and presents numerous.

Sweeney, Selby and Frazier are each 19, Williams and Lipphardt are 18. Sweeney, who was valedictorian, will learn the jewelry business; Frazier will attend a dental college; Lipphardt and Selby will go to college, probably the Ohio State University; Kling will teach a year, then take a college course; Williams will go in his father's store, and Miss Thomas will attend Vassar.

Frazier and Selby were each presented with a fine gold watch by their parents. The alumni banquet at the Bayless house was a very enjoyable affair. K. A. Blackford was toast-master and the following programme was carried out: Address, Lewis Rothmund; letter from China, Miss Maggie Ralston; poem, Miss Cora Sloan; recitation, Miss Mary Davidson; reading, Miss Jennie McGraw; the absent members, E. E. McComb; our inevitable calling, Miss Cleve Anthony; till we meet again, Charles S. Morrison; solo, Mrs. Flora Williams; farewell address, Miss Allice Williams.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS

Have their Nineteenth Annual Closing Exercises—The Class.

The nineteenth commencement of the Bridgeport public schools was held at the Presbyterian church last evening in the presence of the largest audience ever assembled in the building. At 6:30 o'clock the doors were opened, and a large crowd was kept in waiting was admitted. From that until 8 o'clock a steady march was kept through the doorway, when it became impossible to secure standing room.

At this time the class walked upon the stage and took seats. The class consisted of fourteen, three boys and eleven girls, all bright eyed, pleasant faced and intelligent pupils. The anthem, "Sing Jehovah's Praise," was very sweetly sung by a well trained chorus of pupils, under the direction of Prof. Smith, and at the close of this pleasing departure from the old established custom, Rev. Mr. Stevens led in prayer and the rendition of the programme so anxiously awaited was at once begun. Following are the names of the graduates with their respective essays:

Let There Be Light. Mary T. Davis. The Lamp May Be of Diamonds, but the Light Comes from the Oil. Lottie McCannoughy.

Clear the Track. Lizzy E. Worley. The Master Key. H. L. Woodcock. Merry Merry Goes Our Bark. Doris Keith. Barriers in Dress. Kate V. Wigginton. The Influence of Competition on Progress. Howard McCannoughy.

A Legend. Maggie Turner. Perfection is Beyond. Nora L. Porter. Word Flying. Retta Frazier. Hit the Morning Sun. H. C. Kidd. Regicides of a House. Mary Crawford. The Woman of the Future. Mattie Medill. The Thinker. C. C. Cranstall. Presentation of Diplomas. President of the Board.

Song—Good Night. Rev. C. B. Henthorne. Benediction. Rev. C. B. Henthorne.

The exercises being concluded, the president of the board, William Alexander, stepped forward and presented the diplomas with a very neat and fitting address. Many beautiful thoughts were embodied in his remarks, and the compliments which accompanied the diplomas were but justly given.

Rev. C. B. Henthorne then said the benediction, and the class of the year just closed was ushered out into life.

An attempt at criticism on the individual performances would be useless, as each graduate had selected a pleasing subject, and the manner in which they were treated left no doubt as to their originality and no ground upon which to base any criticism except a most favorable one.

The exercises of the evening paid the

teachers a higher compliment than words could pay, for they were so arranged that the success of the evening depended solely and entirely upon the graduates.

The success and attractiveness of this event was ahead of any other former one. It has been customary in the past to liberally intersperse the occasion with band or orchestra music, and to leave the stage elaborately decorated with flowers and ornaments. Rich personal attire and the presentation of gifts have been indulged in also, but on this occasion the class was more conspicuous by the absence of all this. The stage was neatly yet plainly set. It contained a small stand of flowers, while above this a small silken American banner floated in the air. This was all, yet the effect, in combination with the plain white costumes of the young ladies, and the black of the boys' was very marked indeed. The chorus of sweet and musical young voices, which rendered several choice selections very beautifully, was grand in its simplicity. In fact, the entire programme was a most excellent one, and will long be pleasantly remembered by the crowd which enjoyed its rendition.

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT

Of the Wheeling Conservatory of Music at Arion Hall Last Evening.

The fourth commencement concert of the pupils of the Wheeling Conservatory of Music was given at Arion music hall last evening. Director Henry J. Arbenz and the faculty of the conservatory have reason to feel flattered over the large attendance, the large hall being packed almost to suffocation, many standing throughout the rather long programme of twenty-four numbers, which was published in yesterday's issue.

The performers, many of them quite young, showed by their performances last night how thorough and painstaking had been their instruction. Some of the numbers were quite difficult, but were perfectly mastered by the pupils. The audience, though packed in like sardines, forgot what discomfort they may have felt in the enjoyment of the very entertaining programme that was provided.

The Wheeling Conservatory of Music is an institution of which the city may well be proud, as it ranks with more pretentious schools of the same character in larger cities. At the conclusion of the entertainment an elegant lunch was served in the dining-rooms of the Arion club, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Materially Modifies the Contract for the New Lincoln School Building.

After considerable hustling on the part of the clerk and members of the board of education a quorum was raised last evening for a special meeting called yesterday morning. Those present were Messrs. Boyd, Campbell, Ellingham, Hubbard, Maxwell, Miller, Miligan, C. Moenkmoeller, Park, Rosenberg, Ulrich and Walford. The meeting was called for the purpose of making an addition to the consideration for the Lincoln school contract, already agreed to by the board, in accordance with the plans accepted from Architect M. F. Goisy.

On Tuesday the walls on the north and east sides, which were intended to be left standing, were blown down, with the result of crushing both tiers of joists and the remaining walls and foundations to such an extent that the board deemed it advisable to take down the entire walls and foundations clear to the bottom of the stone work.

Mr. John Shrake, a member of the firm of John S. Shrake & Sons, was present. This firm had the contract for the new part, and was awarded also the contract for replacing all the old work with new materials. The contract price for this additional work was \$2,500, making the total contract price \$14,475. This still brings the work within the limit of the board, which had decided to spend about \$14,000.

Mr. Shrake will begin the work on next Monday, with a large force of employees. He also at the meeting submitted to the board for inspection and approval samples of all the materials that will be used in the construction of the building.

No other matter was brought up before the board than that named in the call.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In Session at Bellaire—Interesting Programme Prepared.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Barnesville district began its annual session in the South Bellaire M. E. church yesterday evening, with a splendid attendance from all parts of the district, but more of the delegates will arrive this morning. The church was well filled last night, however, and after the usual opening services Revs. D. W. Chandler and S. C. Collier delivered short addresses and the meeting adjourned to convene this morning and continue all day and evening, as per the following programme.

Opening services. Mrs. J. J. Neely. Organization and appointment of committees. Reception of reports.

Early Days of W. F. M. S. Mrs. L. F. VanCleave. Recitation. Miss Mollie Graham. Doxology.

1:30 p. m. Opening services. Mrs. G. M. Wilson. Election of officers. Business Methods. Miss O'Neill.

Recitation. Jessie McMurray. Memorial Service. Mrs. J. C. Smith. Greetings from sister denominations.

Response. Mrs. D. W. Knight. Question drawer. Doxology.

7:30 p. m. Opening services. Mrs. T. W. Lane. Original Poem—"A Vision." Mrs. S. C. Collier. "If They Only Knew." Miss Fauspel.

Address. Mrs. R. W. Chandler. Music.

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AVONDALE LOT SALE.

About Half the Tract Disposed of—A Keeley Sanitarium There.

The public sale of lots on the Avondale farm in the upper end of Martin's Ferry yesterday was largely attended by the people of Wheeling, Martin's Ferry, Bridgeport and other towns. Wheeling people were carried to and from the ground free of charge, and an excellent lunch was served, also free. Tables were set under the shade trees, and there was plenty for everybody to eat. The lunch consisted of sandwiches, pickles, cheese, coffee, etc. About 200 lots were to have been offered for sale, and over one-half of these were sold.

The lots were thirty-foot ones, and they averaged \$175 each. A few sold as low as \$110, while others sold at over twice this figure. Quite a number of Wheeling people invested, each buying one or more. Considering the size of the lots they brought good prices. The homestead, consisting of a large eleven-roomed brick house, one small tenant house, barn and two and one-half acres, sold at \$3,500 to Dr. D. H. Taylor, of Wheeling. Among those who purchased were Theodore Keller, twelve lots, at \$135 each; C. D. Smith, two, at \$225 each; one to John Smith at \$100; two to William Ebbert, one at \$200 and the other at \$100; one to James Jamison at \$200; one to J. E. Clator at \$175; two to E. C. Boyd at \$155 each; one to R. T. Howell at \$170; two to J. Henderson at \$200 each; two to N. S. Neal; four to James Kerr; two and one-fourth to E. S. Ervie; one to John McGinnaphy, and one to John Krousch.

Dr. Taylor, who bought the homestead, will convert it into a Keeley cure sanitarium and move from Wheeling to Martin's Ferry. It is too large for a residence, and will make an excellent place for the purpose for which it was purchased.

This farm was formerly owned by the late Rev. F. S. DeHass, and prior to the cutting up of it by the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad was one of the most beautiful homes in the Ohio Valley.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The H. K. Bedford got away for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m. yesterday.

Captain Hod Knowles is now first mate on the popular Iron Queen.

The Don Hur will leave for Parkersburg and way landings at 11:30 a. m. to-day.

The Muskingum river packet Annie Laurie passed up for Pittsburgh at 8:30 a. m. with a good trip, including flour and farm products.

This is the season when river excursionists are most numerous. Nearly all the Pittsburgh boats are taking out big crowds at every trip.

Jules Wehrman, late a clerk in the Pittsburgh-Cincinnati packet trade, is now one of the clerks of the Telegraph in the Pomeroy trade.

The C. W. Batchelor is expected to arrive from below at midnight. She left Cincinnati twenty-four hours late, caused by storms and fogs below.

Miss Lida Heathcington left for Marietta this morning, to attend the funeral of Shelby Berry, the engineer of the Eliza H.—*Bellaire Tribune*.

The high-headed Hudson got away for Cincinnati at noon, with a good start from above, and added a big quantity of freight here and a large number of people.

The stage of the river at the marks on the wharf last night was twelve feet and still falling. Captain Crockett expects the river will not go much lower, and that rains will soon bring another rise.

In addition to taking in two barges of salt at Pomeroy, the J. P. Jackson also added two barges of vitrified brick, making in all some fifteen boats and barges in her tow, which is destined for New Orleans.

The Iron Queen passed up for Pittsburgh yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, having been delayed by fog below here. She had a fine trip, both freight and passengers, including an excursion party of Pittsburgh and Wheeling people, under the guidance of Major Montooth.

The J. B. Williams passed Cairo yesterday with nearly 1,000,000 bushels of coal, the largest tow ever taken down by one boat. Cairo bridge was run without breaking the tow. As she passed the city all boats in the harbor sailed her. No railroad in the world could handle that much coal in the time it will take the Williams to reach New Orleans, distance considered.

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